GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATION OF TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF MEDICINE WITH ALLOPATHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for integrating Traditional System of Medicine with Allopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to sanction grants to States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to develop an alternative system of medicine in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Mainstreaming of AYUSH is one of the strategies envisaged under National Rural Health Mission with an objective to improve outreach and quality of health delivery in rural areas. The objective of integration of AYUSH in the health care infrastructure is to re-inforce the existing public health care delivery system, with the use of natural, and safe remedies which are accessible, time tested and affordable. AYUSH facilities are being provided at District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres.

(c) & (d) Department of AYUSH is supporting the State Governments to set up AYUSH facilities of specialized therapy centre, speciality clinic and AYUSH wings at District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Promoting Development of Health Care facilities. The States are also supported for the contractual appointment of AYUSH doctors in District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres through National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

(e) Government of India has announced National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicines & Homoeopathy in the year 2002 which envisages health care programmes to encourage the AYUSH systems of medicines in different parts of the country. Emphasis has been laid on implementing Schemes which address the thrust areas like upgradation of Education Standards, Qualtiy Control and Standardization of Drugs, improving the availability of the raw-materials, time-bound research and building awareness about the efficacy of the systems domestically and internationally.